

d) a front face which is generally perpendicular to the top and bottom faces, and which includes opposed portions which diverge as they extend towards the rear face of the block;

e) opposed side faces, each of said side faces being located between the front face and the rear face, and including portions which converge as they extend towards the rear face; and

f) a lower rear locator lip formed integrally with the bottom face of the block, and located adjacent to the rear face of the block, so that the lip is adapted to establish a uniform set back from course to course when a plurality of like blocks are laid in courses.

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81. (New) The composite masonry block of claim 80 wherein the converging portions of the side faces extend from the respective opposed diverging portions of the front face to the rear face.

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82. (New) The composite masonry block of claim 80 wherein the opposed side faces are substantially perpendicular to the top surface of the block, and the converging portions are substantially planar.

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83. (New) The composite masonry block of claim 80 wherein, the lower rear locator lip comprises a rear face which is an extension of the block rear face below the bottom face of the block.

REMARKS

Applicant has canceled claims 1 through 29 and offers new claims 30 through 83 in their place. These claims are supported throughout the specification, claims and figures as filed.

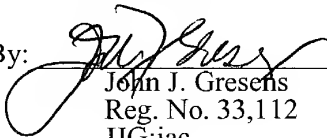
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